



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S FUNDING REQUESTS

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ISSUE BRIEF

This issue brief summarizes the new funding requested by the Department of Transportation in the 2017 General Session. All requests are for FY 2018 ongoing from the Transportation Fund.

\$200,000 to Support Services – Human Resources Management

Funds will be used to develop critical training programs focused on competency development, instructional design, and course development (see the Legislative Auditor General's August 2016 [Performance Audit of the Utah Department of Transportation](#)).

\$120,000 to Support Services – Internal Auditor

Funds will be used to hire one FTE to work on audits prioritized by the Utah Transportation Commission (see the Legislative Auditor General's August 2016 [Performance Audit of the Utah Department of Transportation](#)).

\$300,000 to Engineering Services – Right-of-Way

Funds will be used to identify the department's properties and to develop a central database containing information about each parcel such as water rights and shape files/polygons for GIS mapping; properties identified as being outside of a transportation use, and not in a planned future transportation corridor will be evaluated for sale back to the private sector.

\$200,000 to Engineering Services – Right-of-Way

Funds will be used to purchase surveying, legal description and deed creation, and appraisals to prepare surplus properties for sale on the open market; this will allow properties to be placed back on the tax rolls.

\$6,000,000 to Equipment Management – Equipment Purchases

Funds will be used to purchase 28 snow plow trucks; this will allow the department to address the serious backlog in the replacement of Class 8 snow plows; this ongoing allocation will reduce the average age of the fleet from 11 years to 4.5 years, thereby significantly reducing the cost to maintain the fleet.

(Note that the department has a separate request for the Equipment Management line item to be merged into the Operations/Maintenance Management line item.)